

## Message Text

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R 021644Z SEP 77  
FM USMISSION NATO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5660  
INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: NATO, CA  
SUBJECT: EAST-WEST STUDY ASSESSMENT

REFS: (A) STATE 174107, (B) NATO 7258

1. CANADIAN DCM BACON INFORMED US SEPTEMBER 2 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED QUERY FROM OTTAWA CONCERNING INFORMATION GOC HAD RECEIVED FROM ITS EMBASSY IN MOSCOW TO THE EFFECT THAT US HAD PROPOSED THAT SVART, KILLICK, AND FORD BE CONSTITUTED AS SORT OF WISE MEN'S GROUP TO PREPARE ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY ASSESSMENT. HE SAID OTTAWA WISHED TO KNOW WHETHER ISSUE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT NATO.

2. WE REPLIED THAT US DID NOT WISH TO TAKE THE LEAD ON THE ASSESSMENT PART OF THE STUDY AND WAS GIVING INTERNAL CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE FROM ALLIED AMBASSADORS WITH SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE IN SOVIET AFFAIRS, SUCH AS SVART, KILLICK, AND FORD. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT CANADIAN QUESTION, WE SAID WE HAD INFORMALLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH SVART.

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3. WE EMPHASIZED ISSUE WAS OBVIOUSLY A DELICATE ONE TO WORK OUT WITH THE ALLIES AND URGED CANADIANS TO HOLD IT CLOSELY. TO ASSUAGE CANADIAN SENSITIVITY WE ALSO NOTED THAT CANADIAN MINISTER TURNER HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT ALONG SIMILAR LINES WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL IN LATE JULY (PARA 8 REF A).

4. COMMENT: AS WE EMPHASIZED(IN PARA 3 REF B), THIS IS A  
MINOR ISSUE, BUT A DELICATE ONE. ACCORDINGLY, TO  
AVOID REFFLING ALLIED FEATHERS, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT  
US OFFICIALS NOT DISCUSS WITH ALLIED COLLEAGUES US  
INTEREST IN ONE OR ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR DRAFTING  
THE ASSESSMENT SECTION OF THE STUDY. GLITMAN

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